

**Scoring of Civic Writing:  
MME Social Studies Rubric Effective Spring 2007**

Points	Description
5	<p><b>The supporting prior knowledge, data, and core democratic value used by students must be explained in enough detail to show a clear connection to the position taken in order to receive credit.</b></p> <p><b>In order to receive a 5-point score, the response must:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Give a clearly stated position on the issue and support their position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Do not accept those who do not take a stand, who say someone else (parents, school, or government) should decide</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Provide at least one supporting point that is based on core democratic values of American constitutional democracy that is explained in enough detail to show a clear connection to the position taken. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Do not accept if this support contradicts stated position</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Provide one (or more) piece(s) of accurate, valid, and relevant supporting social studies information that comes from the student's prior knowledge (information other than that supplied by the Data Section or a Core Democratic Value) that is explained in enough detail to show a clear connection to the position taken. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Do not accept feelings or opinions. Support must be factual.</li> <li>– Do not accept if this support contradicts stated position</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Provide one reason that acknowledges an argument from the opposing viewpoint and refutes that argument. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Do not accept merely an acknowledgment that opposing viewpoints exist.</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Provide one (or more) piece(s) of accurate, valid, and relevant supporting information from the Data Section that is explained in enough detail to show a clear connection to the position taken. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Do not accept if this support contradicts stated position</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
4	<p>In order to receive a 4-point score, the response must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• give a clearly stated position on the issue with support for their position, and</li> <li>• contain at least 3 of the remaining 4 elements listed above</li> </ul>
3	<p>In order to receive a 3-point score, the response must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• give a clearly stated and supported position on the issue, and</li> <li>• contain at least 2 of the remaining 4 elements</li> </ul>
2	<p>In order to receive a 2-point score, the response must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• give a clearly stated and supported position on the issue, and</li> <li>• contain at least 1 of the remaining 4 elements</li> </ul>
1	<p>In order to receive a 1-point score, the response must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• give a clearly stated and supported position on the issue</li> </ul>
0	<p>Response shows no evidence of a clear position or the position is not supported in any way.</p>